

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended for clarification purposes. Favorable examination in light of the remarks which follow is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is imposing a Restriction/Election Requirement on the claims, categorizing the claims as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1-16, drawn to the compounds and process of preparing the compounds of formula I;
- Group II: Claims 17-27, drawn to the process of preparing the compounds of formula VI; and
- Group III: Claims 28-30, drawn to the process of preparing -amino acid.

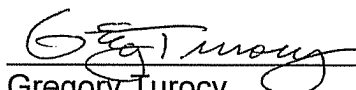
Applicant elects with traverse Group I for examination. Claims 1-16 read on elected Group I.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event any fees are due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Respectfully submitted,

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